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New Literature

OLD TESTAMENT

BOOKS

MARTI, KARL. The Religion of the Old Testament: Its Place among the Religions of the Nearer East. [Crown Theological Library, Vol. XIX.] New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1907. Pp. vii + 251.

An interesting and suggestive sketch, giving a bird's-eye view of the development of Israel's religion in its relation to other religions of Western Asia. The point of view is that of the historical school of which Marti is a leading representative.

FINDLAY, G. C. The Books of the Prophets in Their Historical Succession. Vol. II. The First Isaiah to Nahum. [Books for Bible Students. Edited by A. E. Gregory, D.D.] London: Chas. Kelly, 1907. Pp. xv + 199. 2s. 6d.

This volume is devoted to Isa. 1-39 and the book of Nahum. The treatment is expository and historical, and the book is well adapted to the needs of intelligent laymen for whom it is intended.

WORKMAN, G. C. The Servant of Jehovah, or The Passion-Prophecy of Scripture Analysed and Elucidated. London: Longmans, Green & Co., 1907. Pp. xxvi + 250. 5s.

This interpretation of the prophecies concerning the Suffering Servant should obtain wide reading. It is sane and spiritual. The treatment is scholarly, but not technical; thus the book will be found interesting and instructive by all who are concerned for such things.

BEECHING, H. C., and ALEXANDER NAIRNE. The Bible Doctrine of Atonement. [Six Lectures Given in Westminster Abbey.] New York: E. P. Dutton & Co., 1907. Pp. xiii + 110. \$1.00.

Three of these lectures trace the idea of atonement as it appears in the Old Testament, and three treat the New Testament aspects of the subject. The treatment is popular, but in touch with the results of modern investigation.

JEREMIAS, A. Die Panbabylonisten. Der alte Orient und die ägyptische Religion. [Im Kampfe um den Alten Orient. Wehr- und Streitschriften, herausgegeben von A. Jeremias und H. Winckler.] Leipzig: J. C. Hinrichs, 1907. Pp. 65. M.-.80.

Jeremias and Winckler herewith start a series of pamphlets intended to demonstrate the essential truth of the view that the entire Semitic family was permeated by certain great, common conceptions of God and the world, and that the religion of Israel forms no exception to this general law. In this first brochure Jeremias undertakes to point out the elements in the religion of Egypt that are common to the entire Semitic Orient.

WINCKLER, H. Die jüngsten Kämpfer wider den Panbabylonismus. [Im Kampfe um den alten Orient; u. s. w.] Leipzig: J. C. Hinrichs, 1907. Pp. 79. M. 1.

Winckler's treatise, belonging to the same series as the foregoing and having the same purpose, is a polemic against the opponents of his views in general, and against Gressmann and Küchler in particular.

ARTICLES

BEKEL, H. Ein vorexilisches Orakel über Edom in der Klageliederstrophe—die gemeinsame Quelle von Obadja 1-9, und Jeremia 49:7-22. Ein Beitrag zur Lösung des Verwandtschaftsproblems in beiden Texten. *Theologische Studien und Kritiken*, April, 1907. Pp. 315-43.

On the basis of the verbatim similarities between the book of Obadiah and Jer., chap. 49, Bekel attempts to reconstruct an original prophecy from which both of the fragments now at hand were derived. His original is a fusion of the fragments in Jeremiah with those in Obadiah. The original oracle was spoken by Jeremiah, but worked over at a later time in view of new offenses on the part of Edom. The study is clever but not convincing.

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SPITTA, FRIEDRICH. Streiffragen der Geschichte Jesu. Göttingen: Vandenoë & Ruprecht, 1907.

The points of controversy taken up are the conflicting representations of the Synoptics as to the scenes of Jesus' labors, the conversation of Jesus with his disciples at Bethsaida (Mark 8:27 ff.), Jesus' saying as to David's Son and David's Lord, and Christ as the Lamb.

RESCH, ALFRED. Agrapha; Aussercanonische Schriftfragmente gesammelt und untersucht. Leipzig: Hinrichs, 1906. Texte und Untersuchungen, N. F., XV, 3-4. Pp. xvi+426. M. 10.

This corpus of extra-canonical sayings of Jesus, first published in 1889, now appears again, much enlarged by recent discoveries and researches, and fully indexed.

RAGG, L. and L. The Gospel of Barnabas. Edited and translated from the Italian MS in the Imperial Library at Vienna. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1907. Pp. lxxix+500. 16 s.net.

This curious gospel, of Mohammedan color, has, for upward of two centuries, been known to exist in an Italian and a Spanish manuscript. The latter has disappeared; from the former the gospel is now published with a full translation. The work

was probably composed in Italian, in the fourteenth, or possibly as late as the sixteenth century.

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CORSSEN, P. Die Abschiedsreden Jesu in dem vierten Evangelium. *Zeitschrift für die neutestamentliche Wissenschaft*, Vol. VIII, No. 2, 1907. Pp. 125-42.

The difficult words, "Arise, let us go hence" in John 14:31, standing in the midst of the farewell discourse of Jesus, are explained as an interpolation influenced by Mark 14:42. and one of Wellhausen's arguments against the unity of the discourse is thus set aside.

KREYENBÜHL, J. Der Apostel Paulus und die Urgemeinde. I. *Ibid*, Pp. 81-109.

A study of Paul's relations to the Jerusalem church and its pillars.

STRONG A. H. Systematic Theology, Vol. I: The Doctrine of God. Philadelphia: American Baptist Publication Society, 1907. Pp. xvii+370. \$2.50 net.

The new and enlarged edition of Dr. Strong's *Theology* presents a dynamical theory of inspiration, holding Christ himself, however, to be the sole ultimate authority. Illustration, anecdote, and opinion are gathered from a wide range of literature to enforce Dr. Strong's well-ordered propositions.

RELATED SUBJECTS

BOOKS

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This English form of Harnack's important book will be widely welcomed. Christian tradition, Harnack holds, as a whole took its essential form between 30 and 70 A. D., on the soil of Palestine.

GOODSPEED, E. J. Index Patristicus, sive Clavis Patrum Apostolicorum Operum. Leipzig: Hinrichs, 1907. Pp. viii+262. M. 3.80; geb., M. 4.80.

A concise and exhaustive index of all the Greek

and Latin words and forms, in the Apostolic Fathers, designed as an aid to lexical and historical studies.

ARTICLES

MCGIFFERT, A. C. Mysticism in the Early Church. *American Journal of Theology*, July, 1907. Pp. 407-27.

Beginning with Paul, as the earliest of Christian mystics, Professor McGiffert traces mysticism in John, Ignatius, the Gnostics, and in different senses, the Montanists and Irenaeus.

MACINTOSH, D. C. The Significance of Gnosticism in the Development of Christian Theology, with Special Reference to the "Pistis Sophia." *The Review and Expositor*, July, 1907. Pp. 405-22.

A keen but sympathetic criticism of the theological method of the Gnostics.